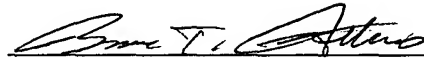


REMARKS

No new matter has been added. Applicants request entry of the foregoing preliminary Amendment. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

In paragraph 27, please change reference numeral 90 to reference numeral 94, as follows:

[0027] In an exemplary embodiment the primary contact beam 54 further includes a projection ~~90~~94 extending from the lower edge 64 thereof. The projection ~~90~~94 extends through the housing 22 to communicate with a solder ball 46 which is rested in a cutout portion of the housing 46, described below. The projection is beveled and somewhat pointed to establish a secure solder connection via solder ball 46.

In paragraph 33, please change reference numeral 90 to reference numeral 94, as follows:

[0033] Solder balls 46 are located in cutout ~~portions~~ of each of the housings 22 for establishing electrical contact with the projections ~~90~~94 of the contact beams 54.

In paragraph 35, please change reference numeral 90 to reference numeral 94; and change reference numeral 122 to 124, as follows:

[0035] Figure 5 is a bottom assembly view of the mezzanine connector 100 illustrating a bottom surface 120 having elongated engagement slots ~~124~~122 which receive the retainer slots 88 (shown in Figure 2) of the contacts 42 (shown in Figure 4) within the housing 106. The solder balls 146 are located in cutout portions of the housing 106 adjacent the slots and are in communication with the projections ~~90~~94 (shown in Figure 3) of the respective contacts 42.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3 and 5. These sheets replace the original sheets for Figures 3 and 5. In Figure 3, reference numeral 90 has been replaced with reference numeral 94. In Figure 5, reference numeral 146 has been directed to the solder balls.



Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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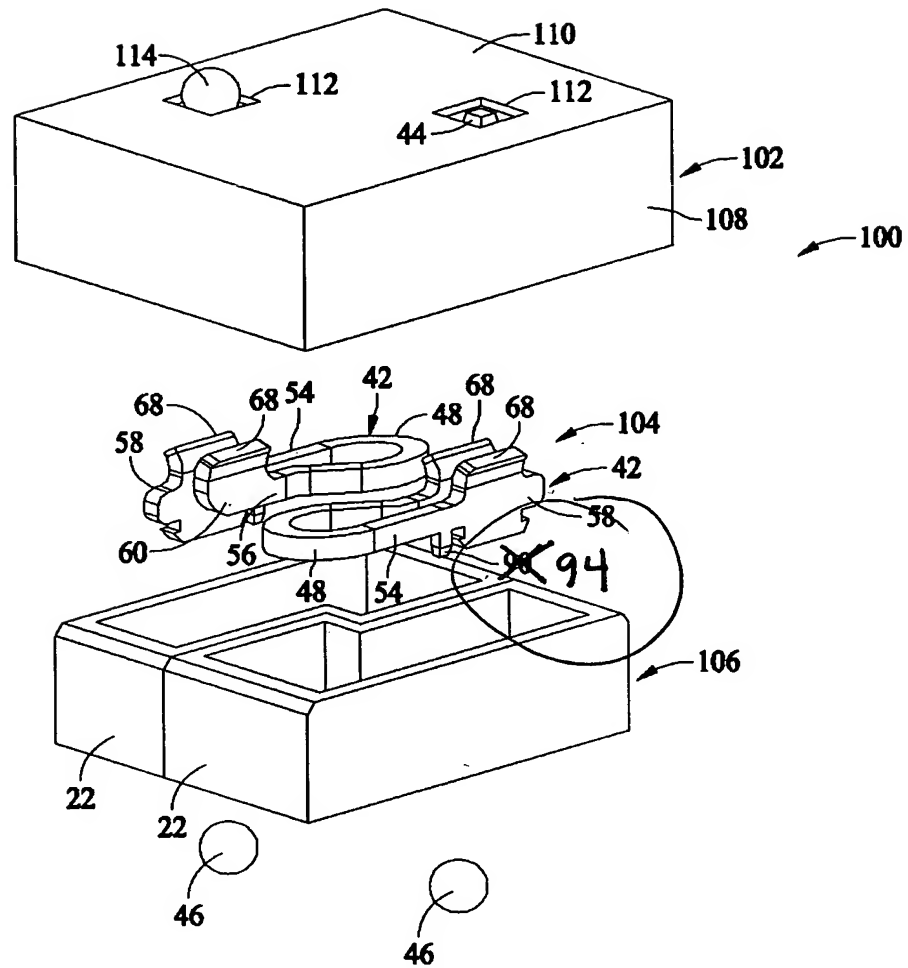


FIG. 3



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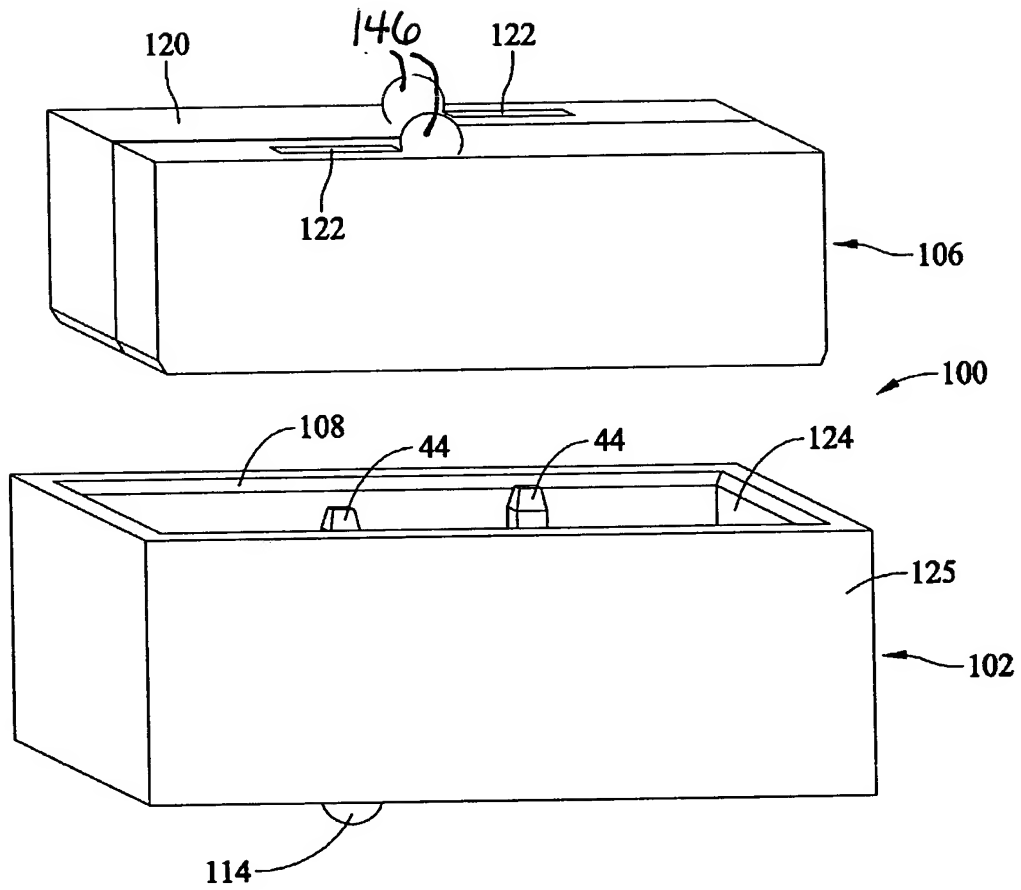


FIG. 5